9th Nov-16th Nov 2026

Services Across The Benefice

Thursday 12th November

9.30am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Holy Communion)

Sunday 15th November

9am @ St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe (Holy Communion)

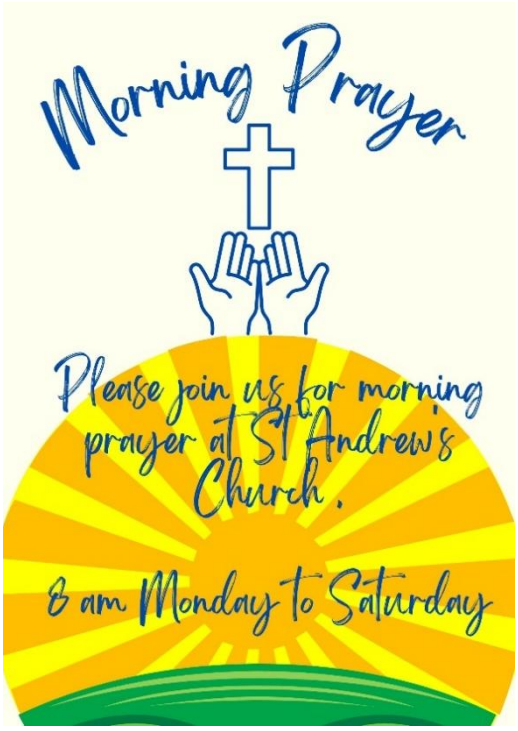
11am @ St Mary's Church, Willoughby Waterleys (Morning Praise)

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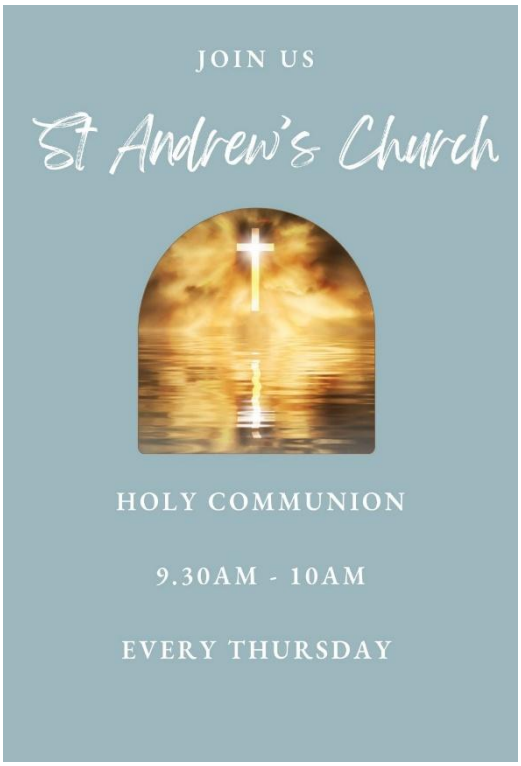
Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Morning Prayer

Please join us for morning prayer Monday- Saturday 8am- 8.30am



Thursday Morning Communion



NOTICES

All Saint's Church, Peatling Magna Coffee Morning

Please join us on the first Saturday of every month for our Coffee Morning, we have cakes, bacon cobs and a book Stall. All in aid of church funds, 10-12pm 😊

Restoration Project

We are now really starting to push forward with our Restoration Project, as the work required on the tower is becoming critical and cannot be delayed. To help raise the £50,000 needed, I've begun sharing our appeal with the wider Countesthorpe community to build awareness of the situation and encourage local support. The total cost of the building work is approximately £100,000 but if we can get to £50,000, we then qualify for some grant schemes. It would make a huge difference if you could also share our JustGiving page with friends, family, neighbours, and on social media. The more people who see it, the closer we get to saving our historic church tower. Here's the link:
https://www.justgiving.com/team/standrewschurch

The latest figure for our pot is £37,767

A Big Thank You – Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. Your kindness and generosity have been wonderful, and I'm so grateful to everyone who took the time to contribute. I'm pleased to say that all the donated items have now been handed over and will go towards helping bring a little happiness, comfort and joy to people who may otherwise have very

little. It's lovely to see our church community coming together to support such a worthwhile cause.

Thank you again for your kindness and support.

Emma

Ride and Stride Update

Geoff Kirk has received an email to advise that St Andrew's Church will receive from the organisation £137.00 which is 50% of the sponsorship money raised! Well done to all involved.

Safeguarding Sunday – 15 November 2026

On Sunday 15 November, churches across the country are invited to mark Safeguarding Sunday, an annual awareness campaign led by **Thirtyone**, an independent Christian charity specialising in safeguarding.

Thirtyone supports churches, charities and community organisations to protect children and adults at risk of harm. They provide safeguarding advice, training, DBS checking services and resources to help create safer communities. Their name comes from Proverbs 31:8, which encourages us to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

This year's theme is **Love Protects**, which highlights the connection between love, care and looking out for one another.

Safeguarding Sunday gives us a chance to think about what makes our church such a welcoming place, and to say thank you to all those who quietly give their time to care for others and support our church community.

Emma

Advent Stories

This year's Advent course is to be run on

Tuesdays 1st, 8th and 15th December- Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm

St Andrew's Church, Countesthorpe

This year we are looking at three imagined stories from Paula Gooder's Book 'Women of the Nativity'.

She ties them in with the Advent Candles:

1) Sarah's Story (The Matriarchs & Patriarchs)

2) Huldah's Story (The Prophets)

3) Abigail's Story (John the Baptist)

Paula Gooder is a theologian and an Anglican Lay Minister, specialising in the New Testament. She is also a canon at St Pauls' Cathedral; she is well worth listening to! We invite everyone to come and hear, pause and ponder.

Helen Stokes & June Aing

Join Our Carol Service Choir!

Would you enjoy being part of our carol service this Christmas? We're inviting anyone who loves singing to join our choir and help make this years' service extra special.

Whether you're an experienced singer or simply enjoy singing Christmas carols, you'd be very welcome!

If you're interested in taking part, please get in touch with Helen Stokes or Helen Davidson for more information. We'd love to have you join us!

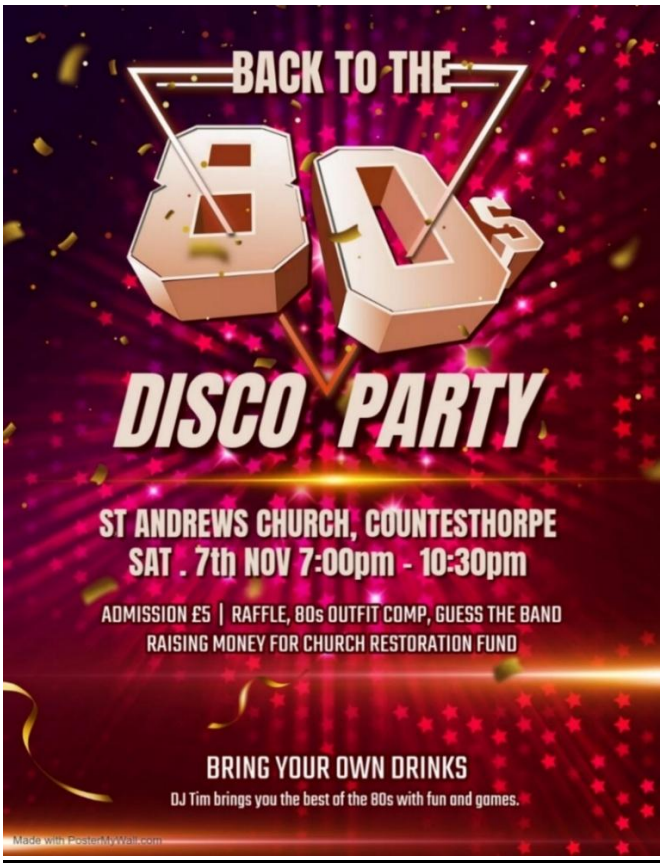
Ukrainian news

Thank you to everyone who helped buy Ukrainian bibles to send to the war front. My brother has just delivered them along with much needed medical, clothing and food supplies to Roxy, a Ukrainian living in Lincolnshire, who is arranging transportation. So everything is on its way from his church, Hogsthorpe, near Skegness. It has been so good to partner with them on this venture.

Also another thanks to those who are donating painkillers and other items from our church. We are passing these onto our Ukrainian family who stayed with us, to take to the Ukrainian centre in Leicester. Let us all continue in prayerful support for an end to this war.

Many thanks, Sally and Stephen Bailey

Disco Time



Remembrance Day Service

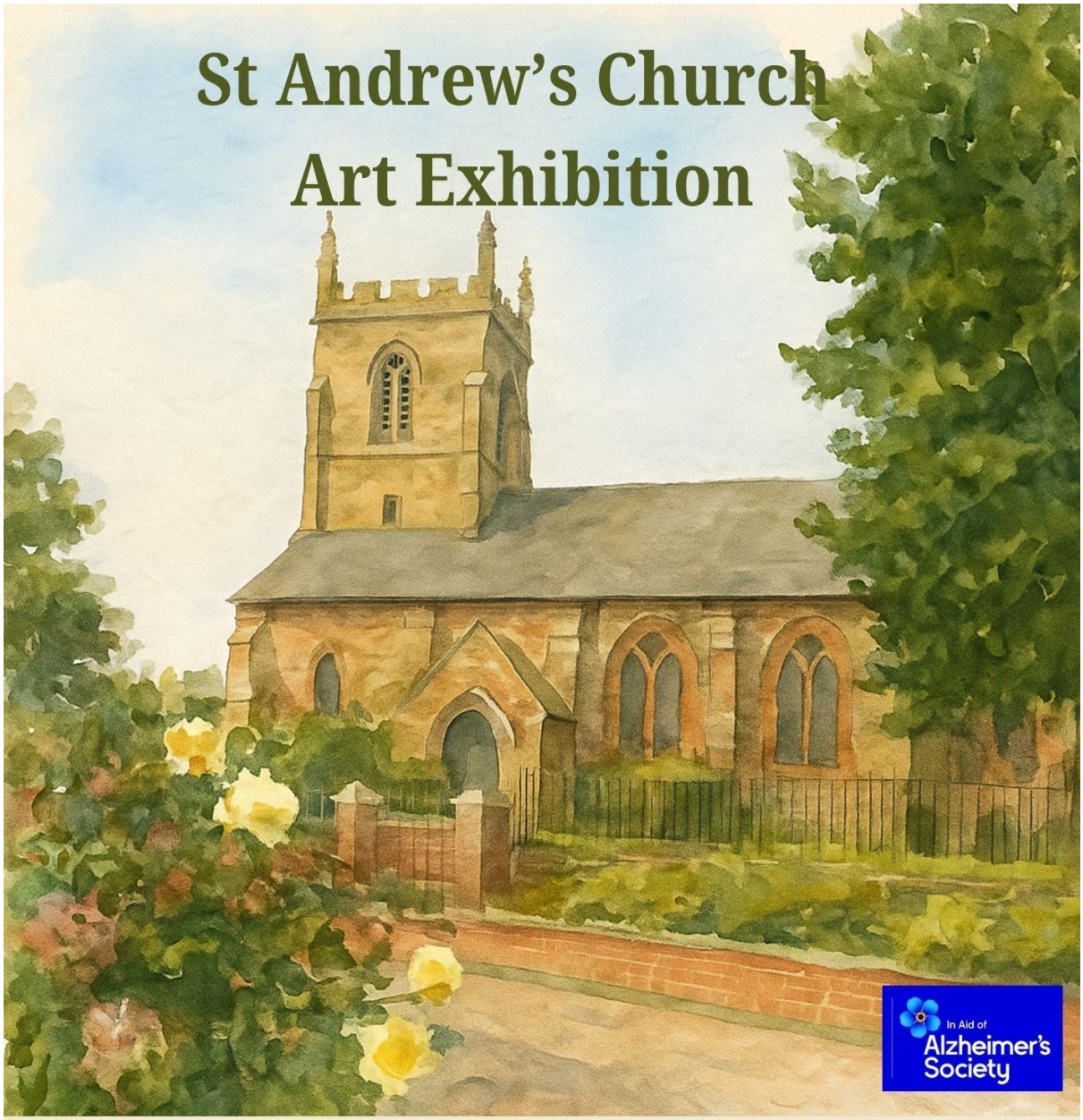


@ St Andrew's Churchyard
Countesthorpe

Sunday 8th November
10.50am



St Andrew's Art Exhibition 14th-15th November



Free Entry, All Welcome

Saturday 14th November 10am - 3pm

Sunday 15th November 10:30am -12.30pm



Enjoy arts and refreshments in Church,
In aid of Alzheimer's Society and
St Andrew's Church Restoration fund.

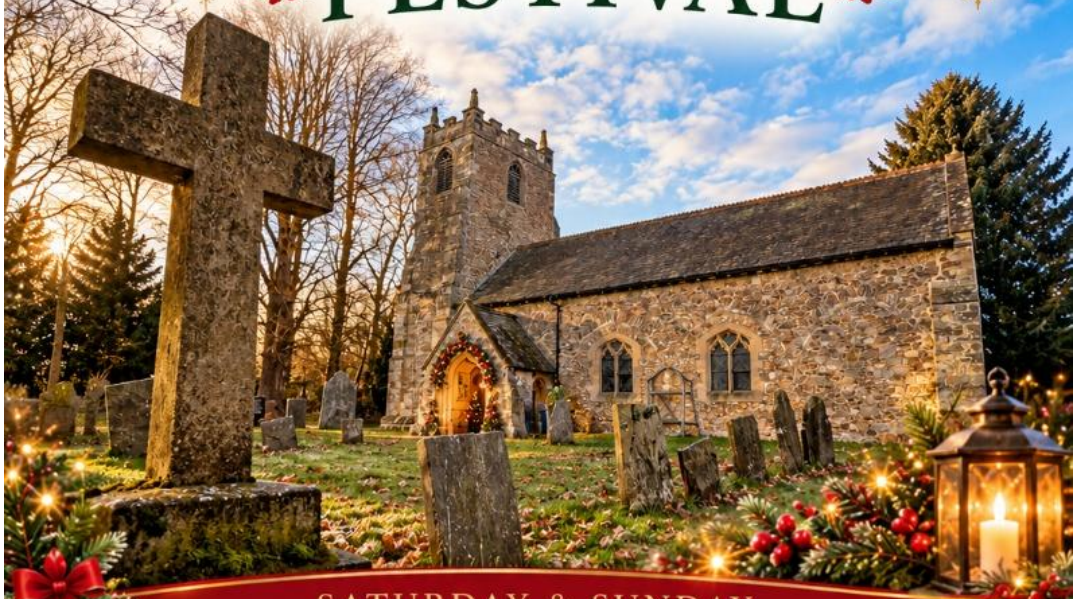

St Andrew's Church
Cheese, Wine & Art Evening
Saturday 14th November
7.00pm - 9.30pm
Tickets £15.00
In support of Alzeimer's Society and St Andrew's Church Restoration fund.
For tickets, contact:
Michelle Watkiss jmichellewatkiss@gmail.com or the church office: standrewsoffice@hotmail.co.uk
In Aid of Alzheimer's Society


ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
COUNTETHORPE
SERVICE OF LIGHT
Memories
An afternoon of remembrance,
love and light
A special service to remember those we have loved and lost, to give thanks for their lives, and to treasure the memories they have left with us.
Saturday 28th November 2026
3.00pm
St Andrew's Church,
Countesthorpe
"Thank you for the memories."
EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOME


Christmas
WREATH
MAKING
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
7.30PM – 9.30PM
AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,
COUNTESTHORPE
Enjoy a glass of bubbles
while you create your own
beautiful festive wreath
£45.00
PER TICKET
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
HARRIET OR EMMA
07840 177994
standrewsoffice@hotmail.co.uk
PART OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
RESTORATION FUND

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
FOSTON

Christmas Tree FESTIVAL



SATURDAY & SUNDAY

5TH & 6TH DECEMBER 2026

10.00AM – 4.00PM

Admire a stunning display of decorated trees in our beautiful historic 10th century church.

FREE ENTRY

ENTER OUR RAFFLE
Win one of our luxury Christmas hampers

FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS
Warm up with mulled wine & mince pies

SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH
Proceeds help maintain our historic church

STAYING SAFE

When Using Tradespeople

PROTECT YOUR HOME & YOURSELF FROM ROGUE TRADERS



BEFORE YOU AGREE TO ANY WORK:

GET AT LEAST THREE WRITTEN QUOTES

Where possible, compare prices and what's included.

ASK FOR PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Ask friends, family or neighbours if they have used someone they would recommend.

CHECK ONLINE REVIEWS & BUSINESS DETAILS

Look for genuine reviews and check the business has a real address and contact details.

TAKE YOUR TIME

Never feel pressured into making an immediate decision. A reputable tradesperson will always allow you time to think.

BE CAUTIOUS OF UNEXPECTED CALLERS

Be wary of anyone who knocks at your door unexpectedly offering to do work.

HAND NO MONEY OVER UNTIL THE JOB IS DONE

Never pay upfront. Agree a payment schedule and only pay when you are happy with the completed work.

ALWAYS ASK FOR A WRITTEN INVOICE OR RECEIPT

This protects you and helps if there are any problems later.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If something doesn't feel right, don't be afraid to say "No thank you."

If you are unsure, speak to someone you trust.

Need a Second Opinion?

If you are ever unsure about a quotation, a tradesperson, or simply want a second opinion, please don't hesitate to ask.

CONTACT STEPHEN BAILEY ANY TIME BY PHONE OR TEXT

or anyone else in Church if you need contact information regarding local trust worthy trades people.

Stephen Bailey
07970 738760

USEFUL NUMBERS

Citizens Advice
For guidance on your consumer rights and dealing with rogue traders.
0808 223 1133 | www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Trading Standards
Can investigate reports of unfair trading and scams.
03454 04 05 06

Action Fraud
If you believe a fraud or scam has taken place, report it.
0300 123 2040 | www.actionfraud.police.uk

Please note: The church does not recommend or endorse individual tradespeople.
We are happy to offer support and a second opinion if you are unsure.

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